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Mr. Richard Blubaugh Regulatory Affairs Manager Atlas Minerals Corporation P.O. Box 1207 Moab, Utah 84532 ACI 037/003

RE: Permit Application Review Final Processing All Mines

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

In summarization of the past week's phone conversations, I would like to offer the following synopsis:

- 1. With reference to your letter of December 2, 1982 to Mr. Smith, the Division approves of Atlas' proposal to initiate reclamation at a specific mine site with a specific timetable. These items should be detailed prior to final approval of the contract and mine plans and submitted to the Division for review, preferably two weeks prior to the January Board Hearing (scheduled for January 27, 1983) if that goal is still to be met.
- 2. The information requested in the two letters of December 8, 1982 regarding the updating and completion of nine (9) separate mining and reclamation plans will also be necessary for the Division to review prior to final approval.
- 3. Bond estimate information required for the Atlas mines should also be submitted according to the same schedule to facilitate review.
- 4. Borehole sealing requirements will be treated along the same lines as exploration holes. In areas of potential interstrata migration of fluids e.g. mine locations with water discharge facilities, care should be taken to backfill the entire borehold either with waste rock or bentonite or a combination of both. A metal cap must be permanently welded over the top and buried beneath a foot or two of surficial material.

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The Division's cost estimate for accomplishing this type of procedure is approximately \$3500.00 each (including the use of a 30 ton dump truck, a loader and small cat). If the holes are not differentiated, i.e. wet vs. dry conditions on the forms, then an average figure of \$3,000.00 per borehole should be used.

I hope these items will aid you in your compilation of material for final approval.

Sincerely yours

THOMAS N. TETTING ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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cc: Rick Broschat, Big Indian Mines Jim Smith, DOGM